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* We are against all forms of capitalism; private, state and self-managed.

* We are for communism, which is a classless society in which all goods are distributed according to needs and desires.

* We are actively opposed to all ideologies which divide the working class, such as religion, sexism and racism.

* We are against all expressions of nationalism, including "national liberation" movements such as the IRA.

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* We totally oppose all capitalist parties, including the Labour party and other organisations of the capitalist left. We are against participation in fronts with these organisations.

* We are against participation in parliamentary elections; we are for the smashing of the capitalist state by the working class and the establishment of organisations of working class power.

* We are against sectarianism and support principled co-operation among revolutionaries.

* We exist to actively participate in escalating the class war towards communism.

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THE COUP IN THE SOVIET UNION

Some newspapers dubbed it "60 Hours That Shook The World" - calling to mind the radical American journalist John Reed's famous account of the October Revolution, Ten Days That Shook The World. Others described it as "The (Second) Russian Revolution", and announced "The End Of Communism".

These and numerous similar comparisons between the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the events surrounding the failed coup of -21 August 1991 may have made for exciting headlines, but they wildly exaggerated the real significance of the events they were meant to describe.

The August events did not mark the end or beginning of an epoch, nor have they changed the course of history. What they have done, however, is to accelerate the progress of the Soviet Union further along a path clearly marked out well before Gennady Yanayev and his strangely inept band of fellow-conspirators stepped onto the stage.

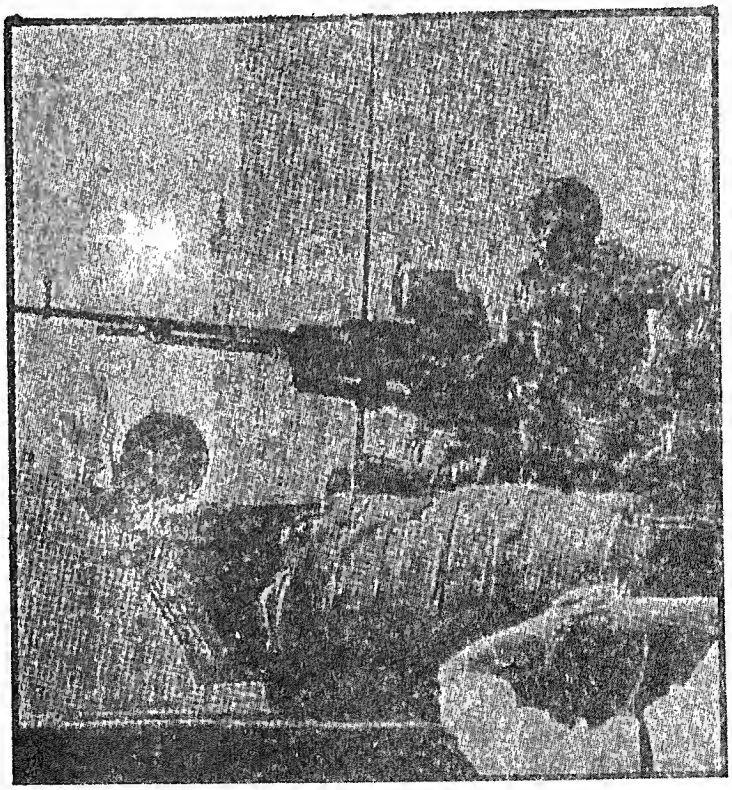
STATE CAPITALISM

Let's begin by contradicting what just about everyone else seems to be saying about the events in the Soviet Union: for us, the unlamented demise of the Communist rty of the Soviet Union does not signal 'The End of Communism'. The Soviet Union never was a "communist state". What has existed in the Soviet Union has been a form of capitalism: state capitalism.

The Communist Party of Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin & Co. (the Bolsheviks) represented the extreme left-wing of pre-First World War Social-Democracy, whose strategy for achieving "socialism" boiled down to a political party taking over the government on behalf of the working class and then nationalising everything.

This concept had next to nothing to do with the revolutionary idea of working-class self-emancipation. But it coincided perfectly with the objective needs of post-Tsarist Russia, which lacked the vigorous indigenous capitalist class which could haul the country into the front ranks of competing world powers.

Following the 1917 revolution, the leaders of the Bolshevik Party rapidly consolidated themselves as the effective owners of all important means of wealth-production - whatever fictions it peddled about all property belonging to 'the people'. Through a massive enlargement of the wage-earning working class and widespread use of virtual slave labour, it compressed into a mere 3 or 4 decades the process of capital accumulation which had been going on for a century or longer in countries such as Britain and America.



Tanks in Moscow, 19th August 1991

While the Russian working class - whose labour alone created this massive economic growth - sweated blood, the 'Red Tsars' who ruled over them reaped the benefits in terms of a lifestyle every bit as privileged as their fellow-capitalists elsewhere in the world.

This was what was passed off as "the first workers' state", the "socialist paradise". In fact it bore as much resemblance to communism as chalk does to cheese.

PERESTROIKA

The state capitalist system which developed in the Soviet Union is often referred to as a "Planned Economy". Perestroika is said to be about replacing this with the "Free Market". In fact, this supposed opposition between The Market and The Plan is a misleading myth.

In both cases, a propertiless working class sells its labour power to an employer in return for a wage or salary, production is carried on with the aim of maximising profits, enterprises supply each other on a buying and selling basis, and so on.

According to the model of a "Free Market" economy (such a system doesn't actually exist anywhere in reality), the sum total of economic activity is supposed to be the outcome of millions of free and equal individuals each independently pursuing their own rational self-interest.

In the "Planned Economy", on the other hand, the relationships between employers and employees, between different enterprises, and between the various sectors of the economy, are all laid down in advance and regulated by a central bureaucracy, which aims to maximise profits at the level of the economy as a whole.

In other words, state capitalism is still a market system, but it is a planned market, rather than a free market. However, as the ideologists of the "Free Market" system never cease to point out, it is hardly humanly possible to plan in advance every last one of the literally countless number of economic transactions involved in a complex large-scale economy. The state capitalist system has proved particularly cumbersome in responding to the crises which have affected the world economic system for the past 20 years, and which demand wholesale restructuring of the economy and the re-direction of capital investment between different sectors of the economy.

The policies of perestroika and glasnost were the response of certain sections of the Soviet ruling class to the world economic crisis as it afflicted the social, economic and political life of the state capitalist countries. Individual enterprises would be released from some of the restrictions of The Plan, enabling them to respond more rapidly and flexibly to market forces. Some of the obstacles in the way of private ownership and foreign investment would also be removed, in order to identify, and encourage growth in, those sectors of the economy where capital might be invested more profitably.

At every level of the Soviet Empire, from the Eastern European bloc, to the Republics combined in the Union, on down to the individual enterprises, the old structures would be broken up and re-assembled on a different pattern.

This was not the abandonment of communism, but the capitalist profit system changing some of its external forms in order to prolong its own existence. Already the Eastern European bloc has been dismantled. The Soviet Republics have started to go their own way. What shape all the pieces will eventually fall into once this process has worked itself out more fully remains to be seen.

THE COUP

While some sections of the Soviet ruling class clearly expect to gain from the policies of glasnost and perestroika, others equally plainly do not. The junta headed by Vice-President Yanayev which announced itself on 19 August read like a roll-call of those sections of the Soviet ruling class which stand to lose most through the current reform processes.

Yazov, Pugo and Kryuchkov - the heads, respectively, of the armed forces, the police and the KGB - each represented Union-wide forces whose future hangs in the balance as the USSR begins to break up. The influence of the armed forces has been dealt a severe blow by the voluntary surrender of the Soviet Union's Eastern European Empire, and by the sight of the United States revelling in its virtually unchallenged role as policeman of the globe. Domestically, all of the various reform plans published over the past few years would have severely reduced federal spending on the armed forces and security services, diverting resources away from the 'military-industrial complex' towards the 'civilian' economy.

Among the other ringleaders, Prime Minister Pavlov, with a career background in the state economic planning ministries, Baklanov, head of the military economy, and Tizyakov, a leading figure among the top industrial managers, each represented sections of the ruling class whose power is threatened by proposals to drastically curtail central planning and to sell off state assets to private ownership. The final conspirator, Starodubstev, head of the farmers' union, knew only too well that the reformers plan to break up the agricultural collectives and reintroduce large-scale private ownership of land.

A few years ago this would have been a formidable line-up. But the curiously half-hearted nature of the attempted coup and the remarkable ease with which it was repelled show just how far the balance of forces within the Soviet ruling class has tilted. The junta's worst fears about the direction in which Soviet society is heading were first confirmed by the means by which the coup was defeated, and then surpassed in its aftermath.

Splits appeared among the commanders of the army and the KGB, with some following orders from the leaders of the coup and others declaring their loyalty to Gorbachev or Yeltsin. The ordinary soldiers, meanwhile, showed very little relish for their task when surrounded by hostile crowds. In most of the Republics the local rulers seized the opportunity to declare that they could take orders from no-one but themselves, thus emphasising the disintegration of central authority which had been one of the motivations of the coup in the first place.

The result is that those 'hardline' sections of the ruling class which might have re-asserted their influence if the coup had succeeded have well and truly shot their bolt. There is no way back for them now. The local rulers in the Republics and the most enthusiastic advocates of economic reform among the ruling class have been given a free hand to move full steam ahead in pursuit of their own aims and interests.

THE WORKING CLASS

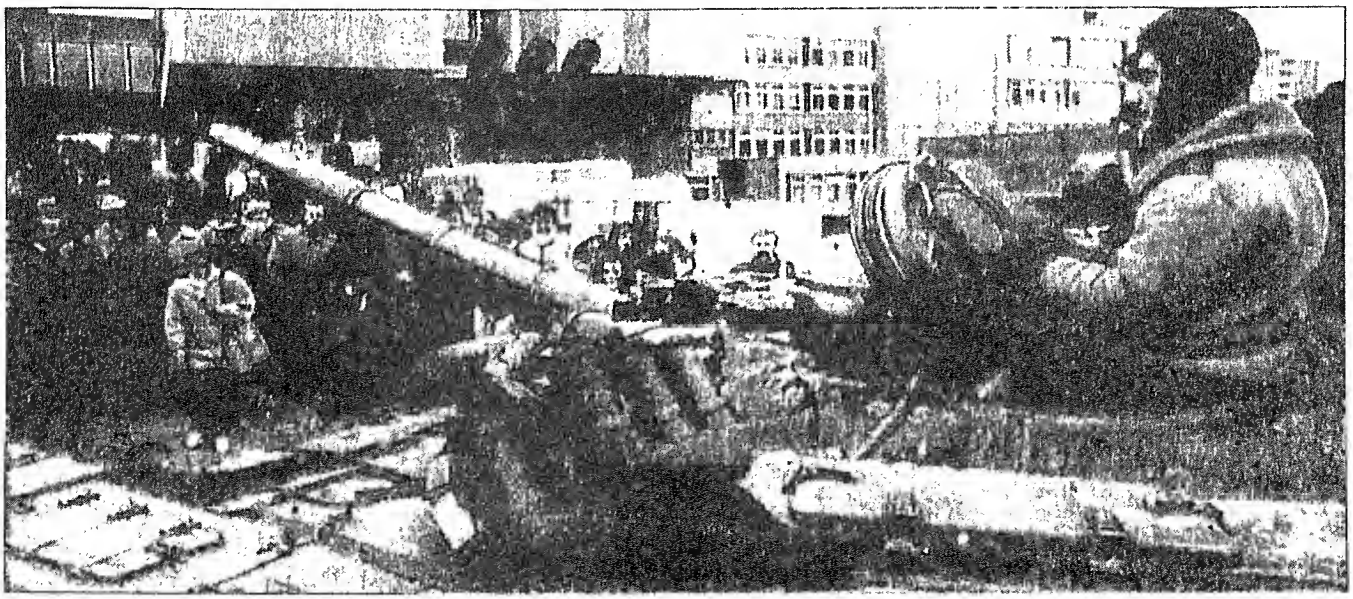
With only the reports which reached us through the filter of the capitalist media to go by, any comments on the role of the working class in these events can be at best only intelligent speculation.

In Moscow, Leningrad and several Republican capitals, crowds numbering hundreds of thousands took to the streets to demonstrate their opposition to the coup. The Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued an appeal for a general strike, but the response to this seemed to be very patchy, apparently receiving support only in Leningrad and among the miners of the Vorkuta and Kuzbass regions.

Why did working class action not appear to be more widespread? Have years of oppression produced a generalised demoralisation and feeling of powerlessness? Perhaps they didn't care if the coup succeeded if it offered some prospect of ending the current economic chaos? Was it a mistrust of Yeltsin, who is after all just one more in a long line of leaders posing as saviour of the people?

The answer probably lies in a mixture of all of these factors, and even just supposing that the last of these explanations held some truth - though the size of the crowds which flocked to support and defend Yeltsin outside the Russian parliament building in Moscow offers little evidence to support such a view - an attitude of cynical apathy is not going to get the working class very far.

For the moment, support for the various nationalisms promoted by the Republics, and for the vague economic and political 'freedoms' peddled by the likes of Boris Yeltsin, seem to be the principal sentiments capable of motivating the working class in the Soviet Union. The overwhelming impression of the August events was that in what was essentially a show-down between opposing factions within the ruling class, where the working class took any action at all, it was to give its support

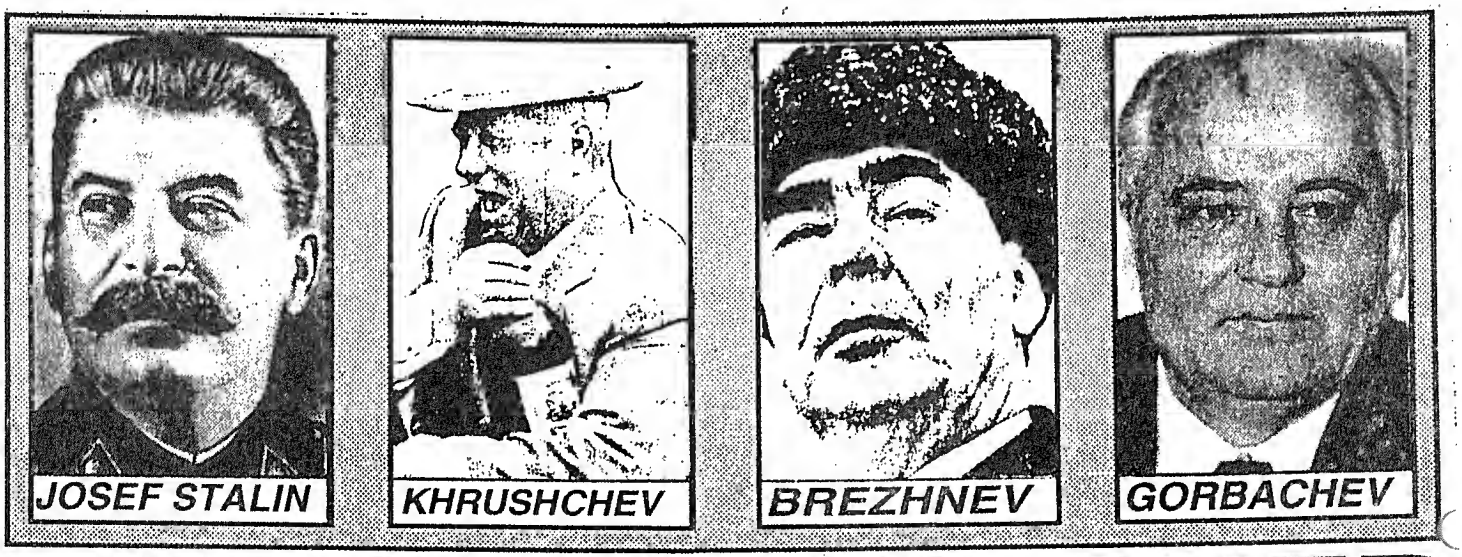


to one of these ruling class factions, rather than to pursue its own independent class interests.

In this sense the working class's response to the coup follows a pattern evident in recent times, for there have been many instances of militancy among the Soviet working class which have had at their origin issues central to basic working class needs - such as food prices, housing, working conditions and so on - but which have without exception quickly become side-tracked into participation in the ruling class's debates over which is the best way to run the economy and organise the country's political structures.

Meanwhile, the state of the Soviet economy remains desperate. The level of production is likely to be 20% lower this year compared to 1990. Grain stocks are low, a poor harvest is forecast, and food and fuel shortages are likely this winter. The prices of the goods in the poorly-stocked shops are heading for hyper-inflation levels. The idea - apparently shared by workers and bosses alike in the Soviet Union at the moment - that economic re-structuring and autonomy for the Republics will solve any of this is pie-in-the-sky. You only have to look at what has happened in the Eastern European states, freed from domination by Moscow and trying to 'privatise' their economies, to get a glimpse of what lies ahead.

Millions of workers will be thrown into unemployment, the wages of those who remain in work will be cut, and price levels will continue to spiral. A potential for independent working class struggle certainly exists if worsening economic conditions shatter the strength of the illusions currently held out by nationalism and democracy.



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ALF lash out

Animal Rights activists have been getting in the news again. In Manchester they have started a campaign against butchers shops. They've broken ndows and fired bullets at shops. They've even attacked a cheese shop! Meanwhile from Belfast there come reports of the ALF indulging in bomb attacks on butchers. As if the people of Belfast didn't have enough to put up with!

In the past, Animal Rights activists have appeared courageous in their actions and have inspired many by their daring deeds. Often they've hit exactly the right targets. It's difficult not to feel a sense of approval when hunt sabbers stop rich scum galloping over the countryside and tearing foxes and other animals to pieces. Attacks on vivisectionist labs also hit at obvious cruelty and are difficult to condemn. Who didn't feel outrage when the young sabber was killed by the hunter earlier this year?

But as the ALF descends into terrorist tactics in the cities, it is time to look seriously at what they offer. What they preach is a mixture of despair and individualism and the exact opposite of the kind of mass working class activity needed to make a revolution to change society.

The world we live in is a horrible place. Every day millions go hungry, children die from preventable illnesses, millions have no home and many who do have only dreadful slums to live in. The work we do is mostly boring and repetitive, with little scope for being creative. Our relationships are distorted and destroyed by the need to always make a living and only just being able to keep our heads above water, by the shitty houses so many of us live in.

Despairing of this, many turn to charity as a way of making the world a better place. One such form of charity is animal rights. And there can be no doubt that capitalism horribly exploits and abuses animals with great cruelty and suffering.

Animal liberationists see the world as divided in animal exploiters, passive dupes and the heroic few who will set the animals free. Their increasingly violent activities have the advantage of not requiring any action from the majority. Simply the will and the courage of a few are seen as necessary.

Many argue that the exploitation of animals was the original exploitation, which if removed would show the way the the removal of all exploitation. Unfortunately, a look round the shelves of any supermarket will show the falseness of these views. Tescos, Sainsbury's and the others are falling over themselves to produce vegetarian and vegan foods, to market products produced "without cruelty to animals". And it's no surprise that they do, for there is big money to be made in processing soya beans and growing quorn and the many other products. Not only that but, they are expensive to buy. Capitalism is adaptable and can quite easily cope with being "nice" to animals. This is especially true as many vegetarian products come from simple raw materials but require a lot of processing - and hence the chance to make a lot of profit.

Even if we all went vegan, the world would still be a horrible place to live

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DIABETES -- PROFITS BEFORE HEALTH

Forty two solicitors in Britain have recently started a legal battle to get comepensation for insulin-dependent diabetics whose lives were put at risk when doctors switched patients to the artificially produced human insulins. The case raises many questions, not least the role of the big pharmaceutical manufacturers in pressurising doctors and clinicians to switch to their product and the subsequent attempt to keep a lid on the problems and drawbacks now known to be associated with the drug.

INSULIN

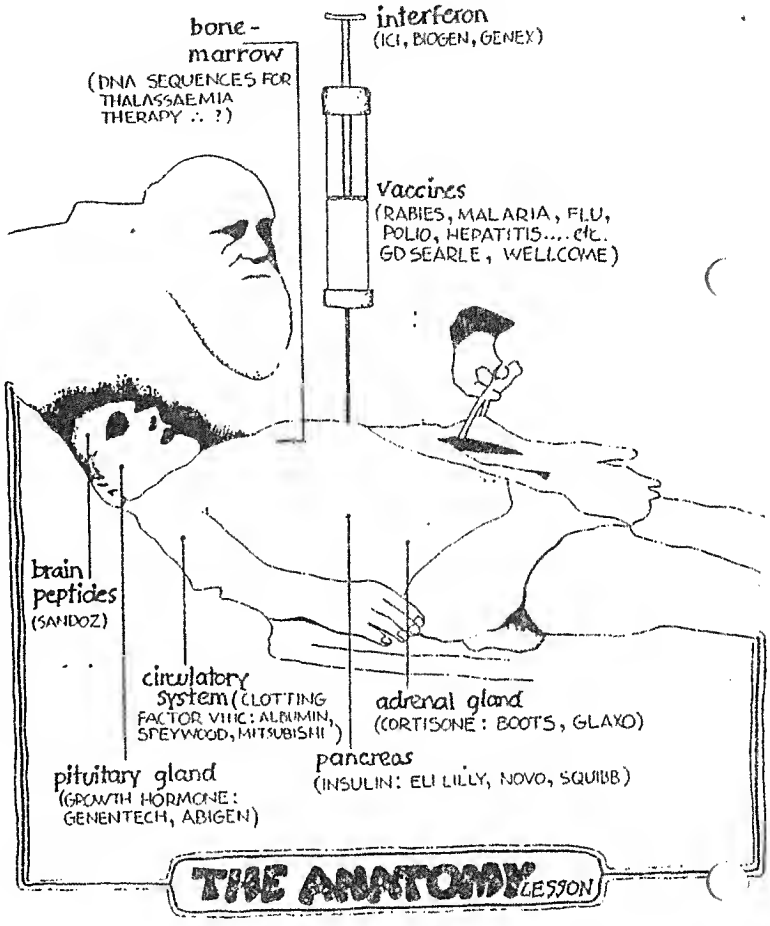
Insulin is something on which millions of diabetics are continually dependent for their health and well-being. It controls the body's storage of sugar. Without it many diabetics would die; with it, they can usually lead relatively normal lives. It is in effect a bulk chemical and the market in the U.S. alone is worth $500 million a year.

Researchers realised, way back in the late seventies, that if you got bacteria to make insulin, a substance that no bacterium had ever made in nature, then the prospect of making a lot of money was not a hopeless fantasy. Insulin was an obvious choice as a commercial goal for this technology since it meets so many of the criteria for a successful, profitable product.

MONOPOLY MONEY

In the U.S. their mass market is controlled by one powerful producer, the Eli Lilly Company, and together with another, Novo Industri of Denmark, it has joint control over eighty per cent of the world market currently worth about $1 billion. Furthermore in a market which is growing, the rate of increase of diabetes, both within particular countries and worldwide is such that the extraction of insulin from the pancreases of slaughtered cattle and pigs would not have been sufficient to service the market.

Beef and pork insulin are not chemically identical to human insulin, a small but significant percentage of diabetics start to produce antibodies to their injected insulin, treating it as a foreign protein. If one could make insulin that was a perfect copy of the human molecule then these problems should not arise. All these considerations addded up to an enormous incentive to develop recombinant



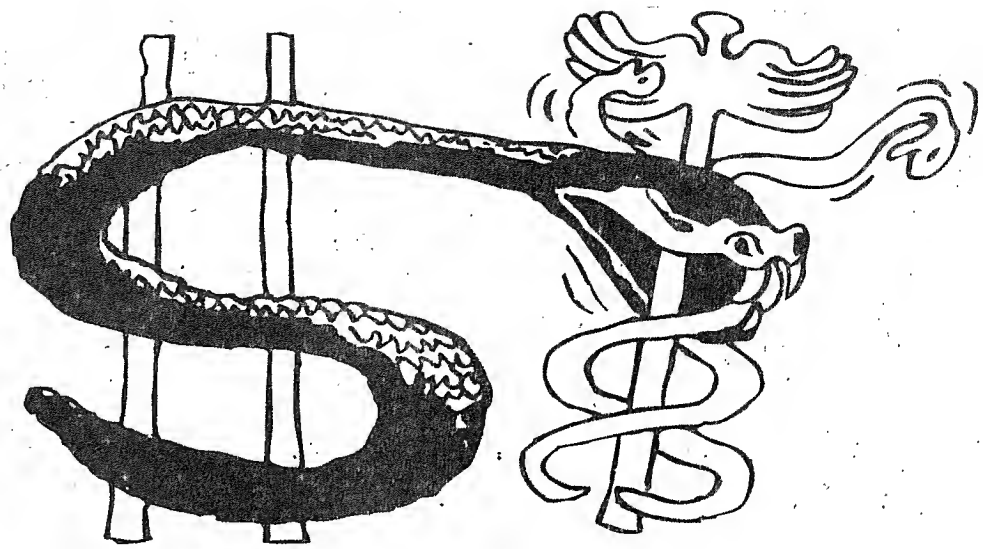
bacteria that can synthesize human insulin.

By 1981, the substance was at the clinical trials stage, with human volunteers receiving shots of it. By 1982, advance publicity material was being sent out by Eli Lilly, in anticipation of its eventual marketing. In May '82, they advertised for some new sales staff. In July '82 the company flew about forty European journalists to San Francisco for five days, as part of the build-up to the eventual launch. All this was part of a massive promotional effort.

MARKETS FIRST - SAFTEY SECOND

In fact since the 1950's that has been

the key tactic of the pharmaceutical companies —relentless promotion of particular products to capture a large market share and recoup the very high development costs in the remaining lifespan of the patents protecting product and process. Markets for specific drugs tend to be shared out by two or three large multinational concerns which are in a position to control prices and to conceal the level of profit from governments who are seeking to investigate why they are being asked to pay such massive and rising bills for drugs. Much of the money that the Government has claimed that it's given to the NHS has gone straight into the pockets of the pharmaceutical companies. The price of new drugs may be high, but, say the defenders of the pharmaceutical companies, it is a price that is worth paying. The crucial assumption in this argument is that improvements in health must follow, and can only follow from the appearance of new drugs.



This case of diabetes and human insulin provides a powerful illustration that this argument is not valid. Although no-one could have predicted the apparent increase in incidents of "hypoglycaemic unawareness" (where diabetes are deprived of the warning symptoms of hypoglycaemia), and its apparent association with biosynthetic human insulin, it is now clear that the rush among doctors over the past eight years to switch patients to it is the result of this huge promotional pressure from manufacturers, not a reflection of medical need.

AN ACCEPTABLE RISK?

No doubt the unexpected number of unexplained deaths will be accounted for in other ways. But this is not a new challenge. Throughout the development of capitalist technology there has been a string of 'unpredictable' health hazards that 'defied' control. Capitalist medicine gave us Thalidomide (the sleeping pill which resulted in foetal deformities) and, more recently, Depo Provera (an injectable contraceptive which was later found to be linked with cancer). In this case diabetics have been used as unsuspecting human guinea pigs. The very recent case of a company, which claimed to have developed the first successful oral insulin tablets, later being found by a vigilant doctor to have been using an adulterated product only illustrates the lengths pharmaceutical companies will go to cash in on this lucrative market regardless of the risk to human life.

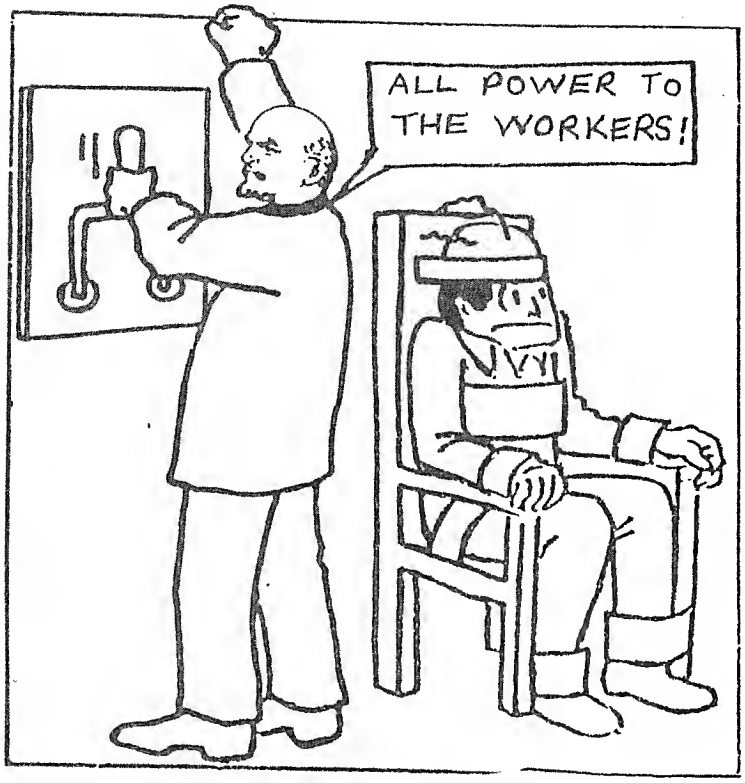
MILITANT —THE PARTY'S OVER

Reports in the papers suggest that Militant is going through a crisis of identity.

Apparently some of the leading lights, like Peter Taafe, think they did so well in the Walton bye-election - when they got just over 2000 votes - that they should leave the Labour party and go it alone. More timorous souls, like Ted Grant, think it better to play safe and keep on beavering away within the Labour party.

We can only say, so what?

What does it matter if they set themselves up as an independent party or keep up the pretence of not really being a party, but only a newspaper?



NATIONALISATION? — NO THANKS!

These are the people who think socialism means nationalising the top 200 companies in the country. As if workers here and abroad haven't had enough of working for nationalised firms. Surely the speed with which the working class of Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union failed to leap to their defence. tells us what wonders they would be to work for.

IS GORBY A DEGENERATE?

Militant thinks that the Soviet Union was some kind of workers' state - deformed, degenerated or deranged or whatever. They look at workers trudging off to work for companies with highly paid bosses, and earning derisory wages in return and think it has something to do with socialism. They see bosses with special schools, special shops, special health care, special country homes and servants and fail to see a ruling class. They look at buying and selling and profit making and fail to see capitalism.

COPPER'S NARKS

Leading members of Militant in the All Britian Anti Poll Tax Federation wanted to grass up rioters to the police after Trafalgar Square.

It doesn't really matter whether they get kicked out by Kinnock, stay in the Labour party or go it alone. With policies like these and being prepared to tolerate coppers narks in their party, they have nothing to offer the working class. All they do is embroil serious working class activists in the dead-end of Labour party ward meetings. Outside the Labour party we acn expect little except the frenzy of party building and paper selling so beloved of Leninist groups.

Whichever way it goes the result is the same. Activists are burnt out in no time and end up embittered cynics - with piles of copies of their party's paper hidden under the bed.

Militant is a party of state capitalism. We can only hope the day of their demise comes sooner rather than later.

ALF LASH OUTcontinued

in. Ethiopian peasants don't starve because Americans eat beef - they starve because they don't have enough money to buy food with.

Not only are ALF's actions futile if they hope to truly change the world - but their cavalier disregard for human life just fills most workers with disgust and drives them away from their cause. To misquote a famous German, "when I hear of the ALF, I just want to reach for bacon butty."

Changing the world will need the active participation of massive numbers of working class people. It does not require the heroic actions of an enlightened few. Terrorist groups like ALF deny this. They actively discourage mass action - as indeed they must to protect their own security. By doing this they put off the day when real change can come. As such they have become the enemies of socialist revolution, not its friends.

Police on red alert after new ALF tip-off

MARXISM AND ANARCHISM

INTRODUCTION

Recently we received a letter from a comrade from an Anarchist background who wrote asking the opinion of "Council Communists" on a number of issues. Among these were the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, Centralisation, the reactionary positions taken by Marx and Engels and the whole Marxist/Anarchist divide, Materialism and Dialectics. What follows is an edited form of the reply we sent, which we are printing here because the issues involved are important and will be of interest to our readers in general.

The first point to make is that though we regard the Council Communist movement as one of a number of positive trends from which we draw inspiration, we have never described ourselves with that term. There is no term that we'd all agree "pinpoints" us politically. Perhaps "Libertarian Communist", or even better, "Ultra-Leftist" since we reserve the term "Left" to mean **only** the left wing of Capitalism.

Where your questions ask about "Council Communists" we will answer for "Subversion".

DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

On the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat", this is a term usually misunderstood, and we prefer to explain our positions using straightforward language as much as possible, so let's say we support it if it is understood to mean the collective exercise of power by the new, developing communist society against the remnants of the overthrown class until these latter have become history. We certainly do **not** accept any structures or any power **over** the citizens of the new society (note that we have not said "Working Class" because this class ceases to exist the instant it seizes power since it is then no longer an exploited class of producers who have nothing but their labour power, but a group of people who collectively own the means of production, and who are not even a class, for they then have no class relationship, i.e production relationship, with anyone else. They are the classless sociey in its embryonic stage).

CENTRALISATION

On the question of "Centralisation", this is a term which can mean two distinct things. It can mean everything is run by the whole society acting as a collective decision making unit, as opposed to one group of people having exclusive control over their own patch of land, and another group over another. It can also mean power being exercised by a minority of people in the "centre", whether "elected" or "delegated" or not. This latter we **oppose.** The first, however, seems the ideal way for a Communist society to organize, since if control over a part of the resources of the world resides in the hands of some people & not others, then this is a form of private property, which we adamantly oppose. We do not believe

that people have more right to "own" the resources of their neck of the woods than the rest of Humanity. The "natural" association of people with their geographical area is a limitation which the development of technology (both transport & communications) will more & more enable us to transcend as time goes by.

BAD MARX

On the question of the "Leftist" (i.e. radical capitalist) positions taken by Marx & Engels - support for Social Democracy, Parliament, Nationalism etc - we have differences of opinion , or at least nuance, within Subversion, but the majority of the group certainly rejects these things.

Indeed, we consider ourselves "Marxist" in the sense that we support Marx's method of analysis. We support Historical Materialism and Marx's economic analysis of Capitalism, and while we are very sparing with a term so misused as "dialectic", we nonetheless feel that this understanding of class struggle (and reality in general) as a dynamic process really does mark us out from many other people (including some styling themselves "Marxists").

However, this doesn't mean we accept the political practice of either Marx or the "Marxist Movement" or regard the latter as a "glorious tradition" whose torch we hold aloft.

In fact, we regard the notion of Marxist and Anarchist traditions as only **holding back** revolutionaries today who hold on to **either** of them - an important element in the development of revolutionary ideas is the **rejection** of past ideas in the light of the experience of history, and the 19th Century split between Anarchism & Marxism has little bearing on the class line between revolution and reaction today, as revolutionaries today need to REJECT more than they accept of BOTH traditions.

MATERIALISM

On Materialism, Dialectics etc. there seems no doubt to us that material reality is the determining force behind ideas. Where else do they come from? Do they fall from the sky? Clearly, the ideas which exist at a particular time are the result of a particular level of the historical devolopment of material forces. But none of this implies we should sit back and that only one course of events is possible. The working class is itself a material force and must struggle.

Revolutionary ideas can of course influence events, but this doesn't contradict Materialism as these ideas are of course a product themselves of material forces.

We agree with you, however, that differences over the question of Materialism, Dialectics and the like, does not preclude acting together as revolutionaries.

On your final point about the "reunification" of the two traditions, we simply repeat what we said above. These two traditions are more negative than positive and the conflict between them is nothing to do with us. It's time to look to the Future!

Yours in Comradeship,

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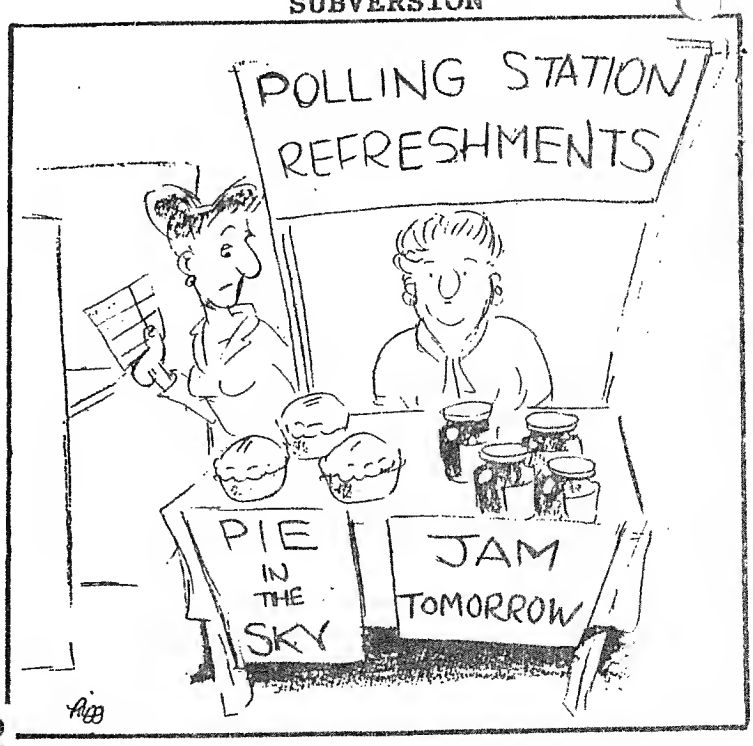

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this area - next to nothing is spent on sea defences, houses are flimsy, evacuation plans do not exist and people are already undernourished, leaving them vulnerable to epidemics.

There is no point in continuing the list, which could go on almost for ever. The point is that clearly what they call order is nothing of the sort, it is the cruel chaos of a system which cares for nothing except its own maintenace and growth.

"We don't bother buying pesticides anymore. We just spray the crops with our groundwater."
Carol*Simpson

In a statement issued by the World Wide Fund for Nature, Friends of the Earth and the American Environmental Defense Fund, the G7 nations are condemned as being "the main cause of the global environmental crisis", which is quite correct. However, the statement goes on to say, "The G7 have the power and the responsibility to save the Earth."

This stands all sense and logic on its head. How can you look at a system which dominates the world with such devestating effect and then turn round and say that it is so powerful only it can save the world?

The G7, the UN, global capitalism as a whole is the problem. The only hope of a solution is for us to unite in overthrowing this monstrosity and building a world based on co-operation and sharing, freedom and equality, a world where we have abolished the money economy, wage labour and the State. To this end we should do all we can to disrupt capitalist normality (refusal to pay, strikes, riots etc, etc) and also try to spread and develop our ideas, build up communication between groups and individuals, create a community of resistance.

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In the wake of the Gulf massacre global capitalism continues to build its "New World Order" with the "G.7" economic summit in London. Our rulers from the 7 most powerful industrial nations (USA. Japan, France, Britain, Germany, Canada, Italy) met to conspire at maintaining and restructuring their obscene empire of profit and privilege. Top of the agenda was how to integrate the Russian economy and State into the "New World Order".

In their public pronouncements the bosses and politicians try to make out that this "New World Order" of theirs is about peace, co-operation and well-being for the people of the world. Nothing could be further from the truth; it is more of the same (except worse) in a new package. Under the "New World Order" we will suffer the same plague of horrors that capitalism has always signified - war, poverty, famine, alienation, ecologocal destruction.

The "political communique" issued by the G' summit refers to the "challenges" facing the "international community" and calls for the strengthening of the UN. this is doublespeak with a vengeance - they know nothing of community; the system they stand for. capitalism, destroys it everywhere. The "challenges" that they speak of are nothing to do with our need to halt the collapse into a chaos of war, famine and ecological catastrophe but their need to continue to impose the system which produces them. They speak of the "promise" and "vision" of the UN (which might be the beginning of the World Government that some of this filth doubtless aspires to) while that organisation is still wiping blood and sand from its boots after its display of power and violence in the Gulf.

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Part of the dictionary definition of "order" is "the condition in which everything is controlled as it should be, is in its right place, performing its correct function etc".....and what does capitalist "order", New or Old, consist of?

* The world produces a surplus of grain (360 million metric tonnes in 1988) yet millions starve.

* In this country while rich scum flaunt their wealth in an arrogant display at Ascot, people beg in streets and sleep rough.

* Hundreds of oil wells burn out of control in Kuwait and may do so for years to come. The sky is black, black snow has fallen in Nepal. Rivers and lakes of oil from damaged but not ignited wells form in the desert.

* In the "prosperous" industrialised nations, life for the majority consists of boring, meaningless work. economic insecurity, stress and alienation.

* The recent cyclone in Bangladesh killed hundreds of thousands while tornadoes of comparable strength which occured in the USA around the same time killed only a few hundred. This disparity is due entirely to the grinding poverty imposed on the people of

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